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- The Austrian Socialist Party (SPO) has started preparations for the establishment of an Austrian army and a parliamentary movement concerning military service. Its official position on military matters includes the following 10 top SPO politicians:

Interior Minister Franz Olah (Chairman)
Vice-Chancellor Dr. Adolf Schäfer (Deputy)
State Secretary Heinz Frankl
Nationalist (SPO) Front
• Karl Gruber
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- This committee also has a collection of 12 professional military men attached to it. The chairman of the professional group is Col. Johann Scherzer, his deputy is Col. G. Enders. Another member of this group is a former lieutenant colonel of the Federal staff named Hermann (Hr), of G. in the, who is coming to Vienna on 23 May for the beginning of an SPO conference on military matters.
- A group of SPO members of parliament are intended to travel to Switzerland and Sweden for the purpose of studying the military organization of those countries. Although the group was originally scheduled to have completed this inspection trip by 23 May, it has not left Vienna. It should, however, depart in the immediate future.

1. **Staffing.** Formulate the general staff of the Wehrmacht to combat.

2. **Army Structure.** The political section of the committee oriented to take on anti-military position are Pöschel, Gruber and Gruber. The recent anti-military attitude expressed by the Committee SPO is not intended to have an effect on the work of the committee, since no official Party position has been confirmed. The committee of this group of parliamentarians and military men will be presented to the SPO administration before presentation of the bill on the establishment of the army and army. It is not known whether the SPO has set up a military committee of the army.

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